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WEATHER REPORT

Fair tonight; Thursday partly
cloudy; not much change in tem-
perature; light westerly winds.
High tide 9:54 a. m. and 10:23
p. m.
Sun rose 5:38 Sun sets 6:27.

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VILLA ELUDES HIS PURSUERS

Chase Delayed Until Am-
erican Lines Can Be
Straightened

AN AIR OF PESSIMISM

Hope of Early Successful Man Hunt
Abandoned—Present Force Drain-
ed and Few Following

San Antonio, Tex. April 5.—Admit-
ting that Villa has escaped to the
south, Major General Funston de-
clares the bandit chief probably is
headed for the Parral district, with
"very few" American troops in pur-
suit.

Explaining this statement, Fun-
ston said it is impossible to send a
considerable body of soldiers farther
south, because of the necessity of
protecting the lines of communication.

The present available force has been
drained to meet this requirement.

Hope of an early successful end-
ing of the great man-hunt appar-
ently has been abandoned at army head-
quarters.

General Funston and members of
his staff exhibit a pronounced air of
pessimism.

Villa's escape from the Guerrero dis-
trict was due to misinformation given
the army officers by the bandit's
friends and sympathizers, according
to staff officers here.

Funston himself frankly admitted
that a continuation of the chase south-
ward must be backed up by a stronger
force than at present is available.

There were no casualties among
the 200 negro troopers in Colonel
Brown's Tenth Cavalry command.

Funston believes the bandits who
burned two bridges north of Monolo-
va yesterday are Villistas, but is
not certain, and admits himself some-
what at sea concerning the leader-
ship of this enemy faction. There have
been no reports to headquarters of
disaffections among Carranzistas, ex-
cept a circumstantial account of Col-
Cano's alleged pro-Villa sympathies,
which was later denied.

LATEST AIR RAID FAIL

London Says No Damage Was Done
In Monday Night's Visit of
Zeppelins

London, April 5.—No damage was
caused by Monday night's Zeppelin
raid it is announced officially and
there were no casualties. The state-
ment follows:

"A Zeppelin is reported to have
crossed the East Anglian coast be-
tween 2 and 3 o'clock this (Tuesday)
morning. The airships does not seem
to have been long over the land.

"Although several explosions were
reported, no fragments of bombs have
been discovered up to date.

"No damage was caused and no
casualties have been traced."

The funerals of 24 victims of Fri-
day night's Zeppelin raid took place
yesterday in an east coast town. The
entire town was in mourning and busi-
ness was suspended during the pas-
sage of the procession to the ceme-
tery and the interment of the bod-
ies. Thousands of persons lined the
route of a mile to the cemetery.

Berlin, April 5.—Another Zeppelin
raid on the British coast was made
on Monday night, the Admiralty an-
nounces. The fortifications near Yar-
mouth were attacked and the airships
returned safely. The statement fol-
lows:

"On the night of April 3-4 German
naval airships attacked the southeast
coast of England and threw explo-
sive bombs on the fortifications near
Great Yarmouth. Although they were
shelled, the airships returned safely."

This was the fourth successive night
raid over England. Yarmouth is a
North Sea port with extensive ship-
ping interest. It is 19 miles east of
Norwich, in a section of the east
coast country which has been attacked
by Zeppelins on several occasions.

Martha Washington Candies. Fresh
every-day, at P. O. Cockey's 525 King.

REHEARING REFUSED

Supreme Court Definitely Closes Long
Drawn Out Litigation Against
Car Company.

Richmond, April 5.—The State Su-
preme Court of Appeals refused yes-
terday to reopen the case of D. C.
O'Flaherty against the Virginia Rail-
way and Power Company, and enter-
ed an order denying the petition for
a rehearing. The case is now defi-
nitely closed.

O'Flaherty brought suit in the Law
and Equity Court for damages in the
sum of \$15,000, for alleged false ar-
rest by a conductor of the Virginia
Railway and Power Company, who
took him into custody when he refus-
ed to comply with the company's re-
gulation requiring passengers on pre-
payment cars to deposit their fares
in person. The Law and Equity Court
gave him \$500 damages.

From this judgment the power com-
pany appealed. The Supreme Court
reversed the lower court and handed
down an opinion in which it held that
the arrest was justified. Mr. O'Fla-
herty filed a petition for a rehearing
which the Supreme Court yesterday
denied, directing the clerk to enter
such an order in the case as will close
it for all time.

Rehearings were denied in the fol-
lowing cases:

Southern Railway Company against
Vaughan's administrator. From
Campbell Circuit Court.

Norfolk and Southern Railway
against the Norfolk Truckers' Ex-
change. From the Norfolk City Cir-
cuit Court.

Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Cor-
poration against Richardson. From
the Circuit Court of Norfolk County.

Carpenter against Smithy. From
Brunswick Circuit Court.

Haley, Chisholm & Morris against
Trice, administratrix. From Bruns-
wick Circuit Court.

Shifflett against Lam. From Greene
Circuit Court. Appeal refused.

The following cases were argued
yesterday:

DeBaun's extrs. vs. DeBaun et als.
Argued by J. L. Jeffries for the ap-
pellants and by E. R. F. Wells and
William McK. Woodhouse for the ap-
pellees and submitted.

Pennsylvania Railroad Co. vs. Jen-
kins. Argued by Thomas G. Gay, and
Eppa Hunton, Jr., for the appellant
and by R. E. Byrd and D. C. O'Fla-
herty for the appellee and submitted.
Court adjourned until June 6 at
Wytheville.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Samaritan Rebecca Lodge will hold
a meeting in its hall tomorrow after-
noon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Martha Washington Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star will hold
a special meeting tonight when the
recently elected officers will be in-
stalled.

Deputy Grand Chancellor L. D.
Sullivan, chairman of the committee
on visitation to Franklin Lodge No. 2,
Knights of Pythias, of Washington,
has requested the members of Ori-
ental Lodge to assemble at King and
Columbus street tomorrow night at
7 o'clock.

WILL OBSERVE LADIES' NIGHT

Fraternal Americans Plan Interesting
Program for Tomorrow night

Alexandria Council Order Fraternal
Americans will tomorrow evening ob-
serve "ladies night" at Odd Fellows'
Hall. The council will meet at 7
o'clock and transact its routine busi-
ness and at 8 o'clock the members,
their wives and friends will be admit-
ted when an appropriate program will
be carried out. Several congressmen
have been invited and will deliver ad-
dresses. Invitations have been sent
to patriotic societies in this city and
it is expected that a large crowd will
be in attendance.

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the stock-
holders of the The Lincoln Land and
Improvement Company, of Washing-
ton, D. C., Incorporated, for the
election of officers and directors, and
such other business as may properly
come before the meeting will be held
on Wednesday, April 12, 1916, at its
office, 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexan-
dria, Va., Polls open from 3 to 4 p.
m. T. E. BIDDLE, Sec't.

SECOND DUTCH SHIP IS SUNK

Great Excitement in Hol-
land During Prevailing
War Tension

A SUBMARINE VICTIM

War Scare Among People is Causing
Much Alarm in the Netherlands—
Secret Conference.

The Hague, April 5.—Torpedoing
of the Dutch schooner Elzina Helena
while Holland is in the grip of a big
war scare, has caused great excite-
ment here.

News of the sinking of the schooner
in the North Sea reached here
early today. A message to her owners
said there was no doubt that she had
been attacked by a submarine.

The government at once ordered an
official inquiry. The probe was open-
ed by naval officers at Rotterdam up-
on the arrival of the schooner's crew
there today. The government at the
same time ordered an official investi-
gation of the sinking of the Dutch
liner Tumbatia, the previous inqui-
ries having been conducted by the ves-
sel's owners.

The tension increased today when
the general committee of the lower
chamber met in secret session.

It was rumored that the committee,
to allay public fears, will issue a
statement, setting forth the reasons
for Holland's military activities, or
at least giving assurances that there
is no immediate danger of war.

No one, outside official circles,
knows exactly what development in
the European war situation caused
the recall of soldiers on leave of ab-
sence. Editorial speculation is divid-
ed strictly according to the sym-
pathies of the newspapers.

The pro-ally Telegraph declares the
government acted because of the fear
that Germany is about to violate Hol-
land's neutrality. The pro-German
papers, on the other hand, declare
England has demanded the right to
land an army in Holland for the in-
vasion of Germany, or has demanded
the closing of the Dutch frontier.

That portion of the press which is
not swayed by outside sympathies re-
frains almost entirely from specula-
tion.

STEAMER MAJESTIC

New Addition to Potomac Flotilla
Goes Into Commission Today

Completed and ready for service
except in the matter of a few minor
details, the new steel Majestic, the
latest addition to the fleet of the Po-
tomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Com-
pany will leave this afternoon on her
initial trip over the Nomin-Lower
Machodoc route of the P. and C. line,
on which she will be employed.

Her schedule calls for leaving this
port each Monday, Wednesday and
Saturday at 4 p. m. for thirty-six
hour trips to the lower river, during
which she visits many landings in the
lower end of the Potomac, including
Colonial Beach.

Steamboat experts say the Majestic
is by far the handsomest boat that
has ever been on the route. She has
forty-two bright and airy staterooms
all outside fitted with metal beds or
berths. Her saloons and dining-room
are new apartments constructed in a
most skillful manner. On her hurri-
cane deck is a smoking room that will
prove popular with the masculine
traveling public.

The fittings of the steamer are new
throughout, and she compares in ele-
gance with any steamer on the Po-
tomac. The steamer has a reputation
for speed, and in the coming summer
it is thought, she will be popular for
Potomac River trips. Capt. R. B. Reed
will command the new vessel and
Charles Tenneson, of this city, will
have charge of her engine room.
George Guest will be purser of the
Majestic, with John Hungerford as
his assistant.

NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY
STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB
BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Dr. Thomas M. Dunn, 80 years old,
of Free Union, Albemarle county,
former member of the State Senate
and of the House of Delegates, died
Monday night. Dr. Dunn served
throughout the civil war as a field
surgeon in the Confederate Army.

Polling as many votes as his two
opponents combined Mayor George
Ainslie was yesterday nominated in
the Democratic primary to succeed
himself as Mayor of Richmond. His
opponents were O. A. Hawkins and
Robert Lecky, Jr. The nomination
is equivalent to election, as the Re-
publican vote in the general election
is not sufficient to elect.

Colonel J. Thomas Goode, who was
an officer in the Confederate army
and for a number of years a member
of the Virginia House of Delegates,
died Monday at his home in Chase
City, aged eighty years. Colonel Goode
was the ranking officer of the Con-
federate Veterans of Virginia, and
was one of the best known men in
Confederate circles in the South.

"I am prepared for the worst. I
believe in God and that He will take
care of me. I have no statement to
make to the public. I do not contest
or deny anything." With his hands
clasped tightly about a prayer book
and with his head bowed eyes shining
with excitement, John Henry Wil-
liams, self-confessed negro assailant
of 15 year old Mamie Mason, of Net-
toway county yesterday made the
above statement in the Henric county
jail.

Mayor Royster Jester, Jr., was no-
minated to succeed himself as Mayor
of Lynchburg, in the Democratic pri-
mary yesterday. He defeated Fred
Harper by a majority of 422 in a to-
tal of 2,120 votes. The fight was gen-
erally a "wet" and "dry" one, al-
though Jester drew some "wet" votes
and Harper had some "dry" votes
cast for him. The result is equiv-
alent to election in the June election,
for there will be only Socialist op-
position to the Democratic ticket.

Corbet Lindsey a pressing club pro-
prietor was shot and almost instantly
killed last night by a man who, ac-
cording to the police, is Sam Burwell
who escaped after the affray. The
shooting took place at Schofield,
near Danville, following a quarrel,
which is alleged to have taken place
between the two men. Witnesses saw
Lindsey's antagonist shoot at him
four times, and when they found him
he had fallen from the porch dead.
Burwell is believed to have caught
a southbound freight train fifteen
minutes after the tragedy.

After confessing, according to the
police that she sent boxes of poi-
soned "April Fool" candy to the Ky-
ger sisters, Mrs. Margaret Sipe, aged
55, was placed in jail at Grottoes
Rockingham county yesterday. Mrs.
Sipe, is alleged to have admitted a
strong dislike for the sisters because
of the attention of her son, and to
have said "the devil made her put
poison in the candy and sent it to
them." Boxes of the candy were re-
ceived through the mail by Lilly Ky-
ger and her sister, Mrs. Hattie Baugh-
er, of Basic City. These two and a
young sister, Cora, became ill from
eating the candy and are now out
of danger. The woman's daughter,
Lessie Sipe, told the police she wrote
the "April Fool" notes inclosed in
the boxes, at her mother's request,
but did not suspect the candy was
poisoned.

Workmen who are making exten-
sive repairs necessary for the safety
of St. Stephens's Episcopal Church in
Culpeper, the walls of which were
crumbling, yesterday unearthed a
corner-stone in which were the re-
mains of a cedar box, which contained
papers, two coins, one a 25-cent piece
of 1870, and the other a quaint 12-1-2
cent piece of 1805. A copper plate was
also among the relics, on which was
the following inscription: "James
Monroe, President of the United
States, 46th year of American In-
dependence; John H. Purdy, Grand
Master of Virginia; Jeremiah Stroth-
er, master; William Ward, senior
warden; Richard K. Fields, junior
warden; Fairfax Lodge, No. 43, 8th
of September, A. L. 51, A. D. 1821." The
number A. L. 51, referred to the age
of Fairfax Lodge, which had been
established in Culpeper in Colonial
days, and is still in flourishing con-
dition.

TEUTONS MAKE MIGHTY ATTACKS

Strike With Fierceness to
Offset Minds of
Neutrals

LAUNCH THREE MOVES

Zeppelin Raids, Torpedoing, Hard
Blows at Verdun and Prepare for
Naval Demonstration.

London, April 5.—On land, sea and
in the air the Germans are now strik-
ing with attacks of unparalleled fier-
ceness, presumably to offset in the mind
of neutrals and their own people the
results of the Paris conference of
the allies.

Four Zeppelin attacks in as many
days, torpedoings averaging four daily
and mighty hammerings at the gates
of Verdun bear evidence that the
Kaiser has ordered a great demon-
stration of his military and naval
strength.

The three phases of the German
offensive opened simultaneously with
the closing of the allied ring of steel
around the central empires.

The Berlin papers now emphasize
the fact that the new Zeppelin raids
mean the beginning of the most ac-
tive warfare on England, demanded
by the main committee of the Reich-
stag.

Count von Reventlow makes this
point in the Tages Zeitung and urges
that the Zeppelin raids make every
night one of terror for Londoners.

Berlin, April 5.—Hard pressed by
the Germans at Verdun, France has
asked England to extend the British
lines from the river Somme to the
bend of the French line at Soissons,
according to information received
here today. By this shift, 150,000
French troops would be released for
action on the Verdun front.

REPORT OF ST. MARY'S

Monthly Averages for March Given
Out Yesterday.

The monthly reports for March
were given out in each class room on
Wednesday morning. The highest
average for the month in the respec-
tive classes were:

Graduates: A. Donaldson 95 per
cent; Third Academic: D. Kennon 93
per cent; First Academic: L. Robin-
son, Ella Teague, M. Wbert, 95 per
cent; Eighth Grade: Elsie Smarr, 96
per cent; Seventh Grade: Kathleen
Quinn, 99 per cent; Sixth Grade:
Catherine Grace, 90 per cent; Fifth
Grade: Aline Dyson, Laura Nugent,
97 per cent; Fourth Grade: Cowan
Ramage 100 per cent; Third Grade:
Noel Lynn, 99 per cent; Dorothy Har-
rington, 99 per cent; Second Grade:
Mildred Entwistle, Wallace Lynn, An-
na Mess, Mary Athcheson; First
Grade: Elsie Jacobs.

Ribbons in Expression for March
test:

Primary Course: Pink, Second De-
gree—Nancy and Caroline Wattles.
Junior Course: Purple, Fifth De-
gree—Fula Puckett.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ELECT.

The Woman's Auxiliary to R. E.
Lee Camp met last night and elect-
ed these officers for the year: Mrs.
E. H. O'Brien, president; Mrs. T.
W. Collingsworth, 1st vice president;
Mrs. Mary E. Kelly, 2nd vice presi-
dent; Mrs. J. E. Alexander, treas-
urer; Mrs. T. Wellington Rose, Rec-
secretary; Mrs. W. F. Carne, cor-
responding secretary.

SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army will hold
special meetings led by Staff Cap-
tain James Brookes, of Atlantic City,
N. J. Staff Captain Brookes will ar-
rive in Alexandria on Saturday and
will speak in the army meetings on
the streets. The staff captain is an
able speaker, having been connected
with the Salvation Army, for more
than thirty years. He has held many
prominent positions and formerly was
assistant Principal of the Salvation
Army training school of New York.

IMPORTANCE OF VERDUN.

Real Reason Germans are Now Haz-
arding Such Tremendous Losses
in Human Life.

J. W. T. Mason, a noted American
authority on the war says:

Germany's violent effort to capture
Verdun, at such huge cost of life,
means the Kaiser is preparing for
the time when his troops will be
compelled to shorten their western
line of defense by evacuating most
of Northern France and Belgium.

The Verdun offensive is in reality
a defensive campaign.

It is an effort to secure a vastly
important point of vantage, which
can serve as Germany's final point
of retreat, if the war is to be fought
to a condition of complete exhaustion
for one side or the other.

To hold entrenchments under mod-
ern conditions or warfare against at-
tacks such as can be developed by
fighting machines like the British
and French armies, requires a defen-
sive force of between 3,000 and 5,000
men per mile.

These figures are the two extreme-
s. A fair average of the number of
men Germany, now has along the
western front is 4,000 per mile. In
some areas this number is less and
at other points it is more, but in all
probability the average is approxi-
mately 4,000 per mile.

The curving western front from
Ostend to Verdun measures about
250 miles. To hold this section of
the western line Germany must em-
ploy 1,000,000 men. That is, the con-
tinuous minimum must be 1,000,000
men. The number can never be al-
lowed to fall below that level if the
German defenses are to be made safe
against attack. Casualties must be
immediately replaced by fresh troops
and for this reason the drain on
German manhood must grow more
and more serious as the war proceeds.

There is no certain rule for deter-
mining the wastage of men at the
front, but it was recently stated by
the British government that British
units must be completely replaced
every six months. If this holds true
for the Germans as well, 2,000,000
new men must be found each year
to hold the German lines between
Ostend and Verdun.

The time must inevitably come, as
the war progresses, when it will no
longer be feasible for the Germans
to supply so huge a number of their
citizens for the firing line. The al-
lies are largely superior to the Teu-
tonic powers in population, and it is
a simple problem in arithmetic as to
which side can better afford the
wastage of its men at the present
disquieting rate.

With Verdun and Liege impregna-
bly held by the Germans, the Kaiser
would have enormous negotiable
power in his possession, even though
all of France and Belgium west of
the Liege-Verdun front were evacu-
ated. This fact, therefore, is the rea-
son why the Germans are now so
persistent in their attacks against
Verdun. If the western front is to
remain at its present length the price
the Kaiser is paying for Verdun is
altogether too high. It is a reckless
waste of manhood. But if the Ger-
man general staff has decided that
eventually Northern France and Bel-
gium must be largely given up, then
the Verdun operations acquire a new
meaning and the German losses have
not been lightly ordered. The cap-
ture of Verdun then would be partial
compensation for the abandonment
of the territory to the west.

FREE KINDERGARTEN

The Free Kindergarten Board met
with its President Mrs. M. W. O'Brien,
910 Cameron street, yesterday after-
noon. A vote of thanks was given to
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman B. Fowler,
Mrs. Harrie White, Miss Kast, Miss
Polkinhorn, and Mr. and Mrs. Whit-
man, of Washington. Messrs Davis
Hulsh, Randall Caton, James Rob-
erts and all others who assisted in
making the Monday evening inter-
tainment a most enjoyable affair. In
response to several requests Mr.
Folger McKinsey has promised at
some future time to return and give
another evening of sunshine. The fol-
lowing contributions are thankfully
received: Ten dollars from Mr. Ed-
mund Hunt, and one dollar each from
Mrs. Susan Smoot, Miss Cora Smoot,
Mrs. Lula Smoot and Mrs. D. R.
Stansbury.

Oysters in All Styles at the Rain-
mel Cafe.

FRENCH FORCE GERMANS BACK

Retreat in Disorder Before
Withering Curtain of
Fire

SUFFER GREAT LOSS

Berlin Report Tells of Capture of
French Positions and Admits Brit-
ish Success.

Paris, April 5.—A powerful Ger-
man attack against the first lines
of the French south of Douaumont
was repulsed yesterday and the Ger-
mans were driven back in the direc-
tion of Chauffour wood, which lies to
the northwest. The French artillery
concentrated their fire on the retreating
Germans, who, according to the of-
ficial statement issued by the French
War Office, suffered considerable loss.

On the west of the Meuse a Ger-
man attack against Haucourt failed.

London, April 5.—The British of-
ficial communication issued yesterday
evening says:

"Yesterday a German machine was
shot down by one of our aviators be-
hind our lines south of Souchez. The
pilot and observer were killed.

"Today the artillery of both sides
has been active about Souchez, An-
gres, St. Eloi and Ypres. There has
been some mining activity about
Neville, St. Vaast, Hullich and
Hohenzollern redoubt."

Berlin, April 5.—Strong French
positions southwest of Douaumont
and in the Caillette Wood, northeast
of Verdun, have been taken by Ger-
man troops, the War Office announces.

Recapture by the British of a mine
crater at St. Eloi, south of Ypres,
which the Germans had been occupy-
ing, is also recorded in the official
statement, the text of which is as fol-
lows:

"Western theatre: After powerful
artillery preparation the British have
taken possession of the crater south
of St. Eloi, which we took from them
on March 28.

"In the region of the fortress of
Douaumont our troops, after bitter
fighting, captured on April 2, some
strong French defense positions
southwest and south of the fortress
and in Caillette Wood. They repulsed
from the captured positions all the
enemy's counter-attacks, which con-
tinued into the night. Employing ex-
ceedingly strong forces and at the
cost of extremely heavy sacrifices, the
French repeatedly and fruitlessly
stormed the defense positions which
they had lost in Caillette Wood.

"During our attacks on April 2
we captured in unrounded prisoners
19 officers and 745 men and 8 ma-
chine guns.

"Eastern theatre: The situation is
unchanged. The enemy's artillery has
shown increased activity only north
of Vidzy and between Narocz and
Wiszniew Lakes."

Austrian army headquarters in
Vienna issued the following state-
ment:

"The artillery on both sides has
been active in the Doberdo sector, near
Malborgeth, at Col di Lana and in the
Giudicarian Alps.

"Austro-Hungarian troops have oc-
cupied the border between Lobbia
Alta and Monte Fumo."

DODGE BROTHERS CARS IN 24 HOUR SERVICE

Rochester Police Department Makes
Choice After Severe Tests.

A fleet of five Dodge Brothers mo-
tor cars has just been put into serv-
ice by the police department of Roch-
ester, N. Y. The choice of cars was
made after exhaustive tests extend-
ing over several weeks in which care-
ful records were kept of the main-
tenance costs and also of the general
performance of the cars. Others are
to be added to the fleet.

The cars are in use at the various
police stations 24 hours each day,
each car has three drivers, who work
in eight hour shifts. They are used
by the detectives in answering hurry
calls, racing to fires etc.